

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**October 2, 2016 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, VIGIL: 27<sup>TH</sup>  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
5:00 pm THERESA BARONE, 1st anniversary by  
niece Judith Bruzzese

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
9:00 am INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS  
11:00 am Mass

**Monday, OCTOBER 3**  
7:00 am ERIC MONTECALVO

**Tuesday, OCTOBER 4, St. Francis of Assisi**  
7:00 am CONCETTA RECUPERO, birthday  
remembrance by Joseph & Patricia Recupero  
7.25 am Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help

**Wednesday, OCTOBER 5,**  
7:00 am REV. RUSSELL B PAGE

**Thursday, OCTOBER 6**  
7:00 am Mass

**First Friday, OCTOBER 7, Our Lady of the Rosary**  
7:00 am INTENTIONS OF CELEBRANT  
5:30 pm Mass

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, VIGIL: 28<sup>TH</sup>  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
5:00 pm JOSEPH MASTRIANO, anniversary,  
by his family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
9:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Mass

**Do your children attend Catholic School in  
grades K through 8? If so, please call Msgr.  
Montecalvo at the rectory to discuss  
possible non-need-based tuition assistance  
from the parish.**

Prayers are asked for these friends, family, and fellow parishioners. If you would like someone included in the Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory.  
*Sal Spagnoli, Jacob Kenner, Natalie Swift, Leah Davis, Frances Geary, Maureen Kenner, Sandy C., John Haddad, Bob, Sylvia L., and Bob K.*

**My Dear Parishioners,**

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penance. Dominic was not having success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

The Rosary had its origin in the liturgical mentality of former ages. Even at the present time it is called "Mary's Psalter." There still are Catholics who consider the 150 Hail Marys a substitute for the 150 psalms for those persons who neither have the time, the education, nor the opportunity to pray the Hours of the Divine Office. Thus "Mary's Psalter" is a shortened, simplified "breviary" — alongside the common Hour-prayer of the Church. — *The Church's Year of Grace*, Dr. Pius Parsch.

The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates Mary too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the Liturgical Year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she" 142 (*Mediator Dei*). Meditation on this cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries makes the Rosary not only "a breviary or summary of the Gospel and of Christian life," (*Ingravescentibus malis*) but also a compendium of the Liturgical Year. Therefore the Rosary stands revealed as a dynamic teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and spiritual perfection, fostering in various ways faith, hope, charity, and the other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like unto Christ.

During October let us pray the rosary.

**Monsignor Montecalvo**

**2017 Mass Book**

The 2017 Mass Book is now available to schedule Masses, Sanctuary Lamps and Our Lady's Candle. Mass fees are \$20 for weekday Masses and \$25 for weekend Masses. The Sanctuary Lamp and Our Lady's Candle are \$15 each. Please note updated costs.

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**WELCOME BACK PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

This Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Religious Education Program is sponsoring our annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast takes place after the 9:00 am Mass. **ALL PARISHIONERS** are invited to join us as we share faith, food, and friendship.

**CATCH-UP ENVELOPE**

St. Sebastian's parishioners are blessed. Many parishioners have a city home and a summer home. Our weekend Mass attendance is always lower during the summer. As soon as the school year ends our attendance spirals downward.

Although our attendance is lower than in the winter months, the parish expenses are not. That is the reason pastors before me include in our September/October packet of church support envelopes a special envelope. That special envelope is a "Catch-Up Envelope".

If you have been away please prayerfully consider "Catching Up" your parish support for the time you attended Mass elsewhere.

Thank you...

On behalf of the parishioners, the Community Outreach Committee has made a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to Bishop Tobin's emergency special collection to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods. This donation was made possible with the funds received from the Eastside Marketplace receipts. Please continue to deposit your receipts in the collection box in the vestibule. It is much appreciated. Once again, Thank You!

**Parish Meetings and Activities**

10/2	Rel. Ed, Grades 6-9	10 am	Classrooms
	Adult Choir	10 am	Fr. Randall Rm
	Pancake Breakfast	10 am	Church Hall
10/3	Rel. Ed, Grades 1-5	4 pm	Classrooms
10/4	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
10/5	Bible Study	6:30 pm	Fr. Randall Rm
10/7	First Friday Mass	5:30 pm	Church

**ITALIAN EVENING!**



**This is the final week to sign up**, in the vestibule, for our parish celebration of all things Italian in honor of Christopher Columbus. This **FREE parish event** includes Salad/Antipasto, Pasta, Meatballs, Sausage and Peppers, Veal and Peas, and much more. Join us **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 pm Mass**. Please sign up in the vestibule so we prepare enough food.

All those who benefit from the services of Diocesan Youth Ministry wish to thank you for your generous contributions during your recent parish collection. Your support enables the staff and volunteers to continue providence quality programming for you. Retreats, athletics, leadership training events, social, and service opportunities will continue thanks to your donation. Thank you and God Bless You!

**MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**  
**NEXT WEEKEND**

Our Monthly Maintenance Collection helps defray the cost of maintaining our beautiful church, rectory and parish grounds. The parish is very fortunate to have staff members who take great pride in keeping our facilities in magnificent shape. A monthly collection of \$3,000 would pay for this ongoing and necessary maintenance. Please be generous to this important collection to continue necessary maintenance and improvements on our parish property.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	80
# Online Parish Giving	10
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,173.00
Online Parish Giving	\$ 451.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 529.00
<b>Total Offortory</b>	<b>\$ 4,153.00</b>

**A sincere thank you for your support!**

Please consider enrolling in Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. You can register online at [www.Parishgiving.org](http://www.Parishgiving.org) or on our parish website at [www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org).